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Dear,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0438

On 07/05/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information from Gloucestershire Constabulary:

The total number of crimes involving the theft of metal (including scrap metal) for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025.

The total value of stolen metal for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025.

The total number of crimes involving the theft of each of the following types of metal (steel, iron, copper, brass, aluminium) for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025.

I would like you to provide the information in the following format:

Microsoft Excel or Google Sheets spreadsheet sent via email

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Following receipt of your request for values of stolen metal we have sourced to our specialist team. Unfortunately, there is no central register for this and no way to retrieve the information by way of electronic searches due to Gloucestershire Constabulary not recording values of items. The value given would be from the individuals reporting this and could potentially be an estimate which wouldn't support an accurate figure.

To manually review each incident where the result code is Theft of each of the following types of metal (steel, iron, copper, brass, aluminium) to identify if recorded crimes involved these an initial search of the incident recording system for Theft- Other incidents

recorded between 01/01/2023 and 07/05/2026 has identified over 225 records that would need to be manually reviewed which would obviously take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

Section 12(1) – Fee Regulations states:

Section 1(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. (As detailed in the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Fees Regulations of 2004)

The appropriate limit at the moment is £450 calculated at an hourly rate of £25 per hour for all staff time incurred in:

- i. Determining whether information is held
- ii. Locating it
- iii. Retrieving it
- iv. Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for your request.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Q1) Please see table below

Months	Years				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Jan	5	3	2	3	13
Feb	7	5	2	3	17
Mar	13	5	4	3	25
Apr	10	7	6	7	30
May	12	8	9	1	30
Jun	10	10	7		27
Jul	6	3	9		18
Aug	6	4	2		12

Sep	3	4	2		9
Oct	9	6	7		22
Nov	4	3	2		9
Dec	4	6	3		13
Total	89	64	55	17	225

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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